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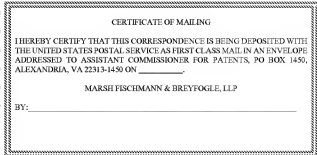
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For: “ MAGNETICALLY ALIGNED DISK  
DRIVE VOICE COIL MOTOR MAGNETS  
AND METHOD OF ALIGNING THE SAME ”

) Group Art Unit: 3729

) Examiner: P. Kim

) RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
) REQUIREMENT



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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Response to address the comments provided by the Examiner in an Office Action having a mailing date of April 24, 2004. Generally, the Examiner is taking the position that multiple inventions are being presented in the above-captioned patent application: Group I (Claims 1-21) and Group II (Claims 22-38). Initially, Applicant assumes that pending Claim 39 should be included with Group II, as it depends (indirectly) from independent Claim 22 of Group II.

Applicant provisionally elects Group I (Claims 1-21) with traverse. The Examiner is taking the position that the inventions of Group I and Group II are related as combination and